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It's A Knockholt

Knockholt Bowling Club's Newsletter

WELCOME:

Welcome to the fifth edition of 'It's a Knockholt', the newsletter of Knockholt Bowling Club.

Bowls – mysterious and ancient game played by people old enough to know better using balls carefully designed to go in the wrong direction.

September saw the culmination of an excellent summer and a highly enjoyable season for Knockholt Bowling Club. We had a new club house roof fitted, new shed and new toilets. We also had several new club members who have already made a great contribution.

Member Profile: Arthur Evans, Social Secretary

Arthur Evans, a child of the 50's. He has two older sisters and one younger. His parents met during WWII while his dad was stationed in Brussels and his mum was a cinema usherette. Living in Tottenham most of his life and attending the same grammar school as the boys that started Hotspur FC, which became Tottenham Hotspur, he is an ardent Spurs fan.



Arthur married Moe in 1992 after failing to find the true love he now has. Together their yearning to travel the world has led them to nearly fifty countries. He has twin daughters and now has three grandchildren; Moe has a son and granddaughter.

A lifelong career with GPO/ Post Office/ British Telecom/ BT, starting at a telephone exchange in Holborn; progressing to working all over Europe and finishing his career as a Project Manager in Sevenoaks.

Since retiring in 2010 Arthur has not stopped volunteering. Firstly, as a primary school assistant, which he stopped when Moe retired. Currently, he is on his local Neighbourhood Watch committee, Residents' Association committee and is the Lengthsman for his Parish Council (you'll have to ask him about that).

He has a thirst for history and has written a pamphlet on the history of his school, founded in the 15th century. He gives talks to W.I. groups on his school's benefactress Sarah, Duchess of Somerset, and visits her tomb in Westminster Abbey on Founder's Day each year, with other school colleagues.

His current passion is a quest for an English Heritage Blue Plaque for Bobby Buckle, founder and first captain of Hotspur FC. He is researching this with school friends and one of Bobby's grandsons.

Throwing himself into everything, as well as taking on the KBC Social Secretary duties, it is little surprise that his classic car restoration project, a Triumph TR6 2.5 PI sports car, is left untouched.

Arthur Evans, our very busy Social Secretary.



CLUB NEWS:

Friday 26 October KBC held its annual Awards dinner at Sevenoaks Indoor Bowls Club and a splendid evening was had by all club members and guests. Here is a selection of photos from the event.

We held our AGM on Saturday 8 December which was well attended and the club looks in a great position to make 2019 an even better season.

Our thanks go to Arthur Evans for organising the James Bond themed Christmas Party evening on 8 December with a plethora of James Bond characters turning up. A fun evening was enjoyed by all who attended. Case of Live and Let Bowl!

There were in excess of fifty club members who attended the Special General Meeting on Knockholt Village Centre on Wednesday 23 January. All of the ten resolutions submitted were passed in favour. Many thanks to all who attended.

Yours truly (John Sayer) is in the middle of taking his level 2 bowls coaching course after gaining level 1 in December. I plan to run coaching sessions for club members on Tuesday evenings at 5pm before the roll-up evenings commence. Alan Marsh's roll-up competition begins at 6pm; I shall be advising of dates and timings nearer the time. I shall also run individual and group sessions.

Coaching Tips

Don't drop numbers – Many times we see players trying to get the shot with every bowl delivered or playing weight too early. The art of building a head is sometimes lost in the heat of battle. Building a head will minimise dangerous situations and provide opportunities to convert shots down to shots up once you have bowls in the head. Games can be won or lost in one or two ends and we all look back at some games and think; if only I had drawn second shot, instead of dropping four, we may have won.

Club House and Green:

Melvin Tassell, our green keeper, is well into his winter treatment of the green.

Change in Contact Details:

Should you have a change in any of your contact details can you please notify Marilyn Sayer as soon as possible.

Subscriptions 2019

Jane Taylor asks if you could please make certain you complete your KBC subscriptions and club competitions form for 2019 and pay your subs (preferably by BACS, by 28 February 2019. Please remember to pass a copy of the form to Marilyn Sayer, our Secretary.

'Two Soups'

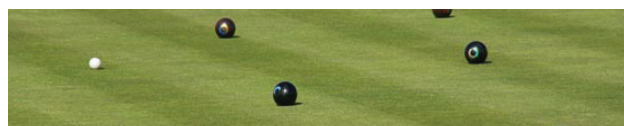
Arthur's 'two soups' lunch held on Wednesday 13 February at the club house was a resounding success. Many thanks to Arthur and Moe and their helpers for our first two soups lunch which was enjoyed by many club members. The Carrot and Coriander and the Potato and Leak soups were excellent fayre. We are looking forward to the next 'Two Soups' lunch.

Up and Coming Events:

- **Thursday, 28 February**, KBC v Sevenoaks BC. 4.30pm for a 5pm start at Sevenoaks Indoor Bowls Club followed by a two course meal. £10 per person. Money to be paid on the night. See Brian George for more details.
- **Tuesday 5 March**, Club Afternoon, 2-4pm, Club House - Pancake Day.
- **Wednesday 13 March**, coffee morning**
- **Competition Draw Evening**, Date to be advised.
- **Wednesday 10 April**, coffee morning**

****THE COFFEE MORNING DATES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE, PLEASE WATCH OUT FOR ARTHUR'S EMAILS.**

There are also Tuesday club nights/afternoons, dates to be advised (might be different from the 2018 fixture booklet, page 27). Look out for Arthur Evans's emails.



SMILE CORNER:

Here are some alternative meanings of words which may raise a titter:

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| ENCOUNTER | Where they sell chicken in a supermarket. |
| APERITIF | French dentures. |
| FLIRT | A vehicle driven by a Geordie milkman. |
| PEANUTS | Far worse than kidney stones. |
| PASTICHE | What Sean Connery eats in Cornwall. |